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Message from the President

What a show!!! You missed it? Aw Geeez!!!!

Norcal III is history, but people and youngsters are still talking about this show. It was Great!!! The Educational speakers were all outstanding, no sleepers here, and a packed theater for each speaker, SRO was all that was available. The Bulk of Saturday was the speakers. The crowds lined the hallway waiting to get a seat for the next speaker. Jerry Schimmel's talk on the brothel tokens of the Barbary Coast was my favorite. he not only showed you slides of the tokens, but a map of North Beach showing little circles where these houses of pleasure were located. he then took you back to that same location to see it today. Totally Amazing!!

Fred Haney always delivers a good punch with his talk "Inside the Walls of Alcatraz", so very interesting to hear it from someone who was there and spent many years with the worlds toughest criminals.

Ed Fulwider with another tour through the San Francisco Mint, large crowds listen with intent. Alton Pryor with an excellent talk on the dusty Gold Camps of California, and Bob Chandler spoke on Wells Fargo. Wrapping up the Numismatic Theater was the grand Finale of Frank Strazzerino and Mike Turrini competing against one another to see who had the best Golden Gate International Exposition hoard. Lots of Fun and laughs over one of the most popular worlds fair's of all time. Sunday was dedicated to the youth auction, Dr. Walter Ostromecki with several months in the planning of this event, put together a 100 lot auction made up and nice semi key coins and sets donated just for the occasion. nearly 40 youngsters competed for these treasures and were given \$200 in script of which to bid with. Several guest auctioneers took turns selling these items. it was indeed a lot of fun had by all. Special Thanks to David Evans and Gordon Donnell who administrated at the auction. nearly \$8,000 was paid for the 100 lots.

Several people made sizable donations of coins and materials that made this auction possible, they are: Ron Solonok of Oakley Ca., Vince Lacarerie of Fremont. Fred Van den Haak, of Palo Alto, Barbara Whitlock, of San Francisco, Gary Ballard of Vacaville, Steve Huston of San Francisco, Jack free of Santa Rosa, Dale Bryant of Antioch and Vince Vento of Oceanside Ca.

The Guest speakers were served Lunch at the Peppermill Restraunt hosted by James Laird. The Saturday Banquet was at Marie Calendars once again with excellent service, Place settings and center pieces created by Nancy Stanley.

The banquet was highlighted by the presentation of the Numismatic Ambassador Award to yours truly, a tear jerker that caught me off guard. Special thanks to Mr. Bill Bright of Krause Publications and numismatic news for making the trip out west for this presentation.

So as the sun set on Norcal III, it became the dawning for Norcal IV. tentative dates of 27-29 July 2001 the Associations 40th Anniversary. lets do it up big!!

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Greetings! In the January and May 2000 NCNA HEADS AND TALES Issues, Your Editor has explored and expounded the theme of 'hobby mentorships', not just plain and passive, but active and avid, assistance and advocacy of *'the hobby of kings and the king of hobbies'*, appealing *'Just Do It!'*

With this September NCNA HEADS AND TALES, Your Editor would like to continue and to conclude this theme with these two questions: *one*, what are the characteristics of a hobby mentor?, and *two*, what is the reward of being a hobby mentor?

As for the first question---*what are the characteristics of a hobby mentor?*---Your Editor is sure and safe in stating that many others, in the professions, with major firms, and through our hobby itself, could easily inform and identify those traits that any mentor should practice and proclaim, and until a very recent incident, myself---*changing to the first person*---would have replied and reiterated their learned discoveries and dissertations.

It was the Thursday, August 10, 2000, of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) national Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and as I walked the floor along the row of foreign and visiting mints, myself literally 'ran-into' a young man, who was visiting the Convention. Reading my numerous badges, we immediately began to exchange identities and interests. His was John Reardon, 28, who owns a couple of row homes in the outer Philadelphia area, has a redhead girlfriend, but nothing serious, and rents from his parents; yet, what is significant for the question and this editorial reflection, is that he had come to this Convention to learn about our hobby. He had coins that were inherited, and he enjoyed collecting, particularly the World Fair's 1876 Centennial Exposition, which was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

What happened is that, after appropriate introductions, I gave myself the rest of the afternoon to entice and to excite him about our great hobby. If that included taking him to the remaining foreign and visiting mints, to the United States Mint, where I introduce him to the visiting new Mint Director---yes, the Mint Director!---to various bourse dealers on the massive Pennsylvania Convention Center's floor, to visit the touring USS Central America 'Ship of Gold' exhibit, to view the numerous exhibits, to get the autograph of Ken Bressett in his first RED BOOK, then that is what I did. A whole afternoon, sharing and shouting our hobby. We had some lunch shared, and he gave me a quick tour of the immediate downtown area, including to the top of Philadelphia's landmark City Hall, its tower with William Penn at top.

It was among the best afternoons in my life, and it taught me what is a hobby mentor, *or any mentor*, must be: **ready, open, enthused, willing, kind, down-to-earth, knowledgeable, determined, and there.** The rewards may not seem much; yet, the hot-dog from the vendor outside the Philadelphia's City Hall remains among the best I have ever eaten. Yes, a whole afternoon; but, John learned, I enjoyed, and our hobby grew with one more adherent.

As for the second question---*what is the reward of being a hobby mentor?*---let a recent incident answer. Last July 20th, Mike Stanley and I traveled to the Gateway (Merced, California) Coin Club to present our joint 'How To Become A Hobby Mentor?' During our duologue, someone raised his hand, interrupting my closing remarks. It seemed, to me, an irritation. When we were done, I inquired what was his point: he got-up from the side of the room, where he had been sitting, and walked to front, where we had been addressing. He said that our talk had sparked him and that he had to speak to the whole gathered meeting. He *publicly thanked* his first mentor, someone sitting back where had been, for inviting him to the Gateway Coin Club, for introducing him to the hobby, and for being his friend, all this in a firm voice, and in tears! *Yes, Tears!*

I dismissed his reflections as emotion, until attending two unrelated events during the aforementioned American Numismatic Association Convention, when several of the some prominent leaders and names in our hobby while each was being honored or speaking, **specifically mentioned and thanked their respective mentors!** *Saying the very word, 'mentor', too!*

In closing, Your Editor---*reverting to the third person*---hopes the readers have learned possible answers, or might have their own answers. Our hobby advances when each of its adherents become advocates for this 'king of hobbies', and it does not take much, and the rewards are found not in the pocketbook, but in the heart. From two completely different unknown coin hobbyists as Your Editor mentioned here to the those who are names of and in our hobby, *the one universal denominator is, and remains, each had a 'mentor'.* **That Could Be You, Too!**

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turfani
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NOR-CAL III INVITATIONAL COIN SHOW

Simply Success! *President Mike Stanley Stated It All In His President's Message. If You Did Not Attend, You Missed-Out!* Thus, there is no use to summarize the recent concluded Nor-Cal III, save to express again **Special Thanks To:** JAMES LAIRD, for his kind hosting and coordinating the Saturday Luncheon for the Saturday Speaker Extravaganza and guests; DR. WALTER A. OSTORMECKI, JR., for his tireless effort, travel, and time to the Sunday 'Coins For Kids Day' plus Master of Ceremonies (m/c) for the Saturday Show Dinner; BILL BRIGHT, for representing and contributing in behalf of Krause Publications [*Note:* BILL left most impressed with the quality and quantity of our Nor-Cal III Show; he spend Saturday listening to all seven scheduled speakers learning much about the coin hobby.]; NANCY-JO STANLEY, for the Show Dinner's arrangements and decorations; JOSEPH SANCHEZ, for Security arrangements and coordination, and Your Editor, for the promotion, speakers, and invitations and coordination of events. *Also*, least NCNA forgets: **Thanks To:** DAVID C. EVANS, GORDON R. DONNELL, and FRED G. van den HAAK. *Plus*, least NCNA overlooks: **Thanks To:** 'Sold-Out', VINCE LACARIERE, *dba* 'Fremont Coin Gallery', for the Bourse! *And Also*, **Big Thanks To:** MIKE STANLEY, who cajoled it all!

At the Saturday evening Show Dinner, special engraved *Tokens of Appreciation* were presented to: JAMES LARID, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR. and MICHAEL S. TURRINI. *Also*, engraved *Past President Medals* were presented to: JOHN SEARS, GORDON R. DONNELL, FRED G. van den HAAK, and O.L. WALLIS.

NOR-CAL IV INVITATIONAL COIN SHOW

Has been set for **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 27, 28, and 29, 2001** at the Sheraton-Concord Hotel. More details and specifics will be reported in the January 2001 NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

In planning for next year's Nor-Cal IV, a invitation is extended here and now to all regional, national, and special collector groups to write and request to hold their respective meetings and gatherings during the Nor-Cal IV Show. Saturday, July 28, 2001, all-day been reserved for meetings and gatherings. Write to: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

Note: Special Appreciation Is Extended To The Delta (Stockton, California) Coin Club: Thanks for rescheduling the Club's Annual Picnic so as not to conflict with the 2001 Nor-Cal IV Show. *Thanks!*

NUMISMATIC AMBASSADORS

Before leaving Nor-Cal III, two well-known NCNAers were, within two weeks of each other, bestowed the coveted Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador. They are: MICHAEL M. STANLEY, of Concord, California, on Saturday, July 29, 2000, during the Nor-Cal III Show Dinner by BILL BRIGHT of NUMISMATIC NEWS, and LEE H. GONG, of Santa Rosa, California, on Saturday, August 12, 2000, during the Annual Meeting of CONECA (Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors of America) held at the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by ALAN HERBERT of the ANA Board of Governors. *Congratulations!* *Note:* during the Nor-Cal III Show Dinner, the following previous Ambassadors were present: EDGAR D. FULWIDER, O.L. WALLIS, DR. WATLER A. OSTROMECKI, JOHN SEARS, RUTH PHILLIPS, and Your Editor, MICHAEL S. TURRINI. *Please Note:* It is not too often that eight Numismatic Ambassadors are all in the same room at the same time!

FORTIETH (40TH) ANNIVERSARY

Next year, 2001, will be our Association's Fortieth (40th) Anniversary, 1961-2001, and plans are now being discussed and even finalized for this historic Anniversary. First, the Nor-Cal IV Show will have some 'extras' as to this Anniversary. Second, a club medal will be issued. Third, the Saturday Show Dinner might be planned as more formal affair, with tentative invitations already to EDWARD C. ROCHETTE, current Executive Director for the American Numismatic Association, and fourth, two wooden dollars are anticipated: one for the Fortieth Anniversary and one for the Twentieth (20th) Anniversary of NCNA HEADS AND TALES (1981-2001). Plus, there could be some other surprises and specials.

FORTIETH (40TH) ANNIVERSARY MEDAL:

Designs are now solicited for our Association's next year club medal. The details are quite simple: First, the design theme has to be something concerning or related to 'California' and particularly northern California'. Designs with San Francisco Cable Cars, Mission Dolores, any of the San Francisco Bay Bridges, and the Gold Miner are not acceptable, since these have been used and minted before. Second, the design must be submitted on white card-stock or thick paper, in solid black-and-white, within a eight inch (8") circle. *Note:* This is for a silver round, not rectangle. Third, all entries must be sent and submitted by November 1, 2000. Mail to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

Appropriate recognition will be bestowed upon the winner of the selected design, and Order Forms will be included in the January 2001 NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

NCNA ELECTION

Shortly, all NCNA Individual and Club Members will receive their ballot for the 2001-2002 term. There will be some new names on this ballot as well as some old names. Voting is via the mail, and the deadline is October 31, 2000. *Please Vote.*

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Mike Stanley has called or a *short review and planning* Board of Directors Meeting on 'Sunday, September 24, 2000, at 12:00 PM (Noon), during the Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show, in Fairfield, California'. *Note:* This Board Meeting will be held in Fairfield Community Center's main Assembly Room, most likely at Vince Lacariere bourse table. This Board Meeting should not be too lengthy, and the primary agenda items are: the initial intentions for the Fortieth (40th) Anniversary, the Anniversary medal issues, and review of Nor-Cal III. A much more extensive Board of Directors Meeting will be arranged later in November or December, after the election. That Board Meeting will tabulate and confirm the ballots.

NCNA HEADS AND TALES ENCLOSURES

As a service to northern California local coin clubs, NCNA HEADS AND TALES will---as space and postage permit---include fliers, order forms, and such. Two have been included with this issue, and the requirements are simple: provide in time two hundred (200) copies and the request must be from a bonafide local coin club or business which has assisted our Association. Items for the January 2001 issue---again, as space and postage will allow---need to be mailed by December 1, 2000 to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. *Note:* This is a service to and of Club Membership in NCNA.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, and news releases from these following coin clubs. Please send your periodicals and club 'updates' to Your Editor for reporting and inclusion in NCNA HEADS AND TALES, as well as the California State Numismatic Association's quarterly CALCOIN NEWS. Mail to the post office given on the cover page. *Thank You.*

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Has voted not to do a club medals this year, 2000; but hopes its members will submit designs and have a silver round issue in 2001. Club President and Medals Coordinator STAN TURRINI has, at last, updated and printed a complete roster of this Club's silver round issues---this Club does not produce so-called 'off-medals'---and collectors of this series may request and receive this roster via *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94510-0410'*. The Club's semiannual special open meeting will be on *'Sunday, September 24, 2000, at 1:30 PM, during the Eleventh (11th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show, at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky, off Pennsylvania, in downtown Fairfield's civic center'*. This open meeting, one of two held by the Club each calendar year, is open to all silver enthusiasts. The SSRC will later meet also during the *'Sacramento Valley Coin Club Fall Show---its Forty-Third (43rd) Coin-A-Rama---on Saturday, November 4, 2000, between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM (Noon) at the Sacramento Convention Center, Room 103, 1400 J Street, corner of J and 14th Street, in downtown Sacramento, California'*. The SSRC will gathering and join the International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC) holding their annual convention and meeting the SVCC's Coin-A-Rama. For information on this Club and these two gatherings, write to: *'PO Box 3518, Fairfield, California, 94533-0518'*.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Enjoyed its traditional and annual July Club Picnic on Sunday, July 23, 2000 at the designer and restored classic home of fellow DNS members SCOTT and RUTHANN JACKSON. The JACKSONS, well-know collectors and art aficionados, entertain the small group and were honored at the newest inductees into special and exclusive numismatic fraternity: 'The Numismatic Coasters'. During the ceremony, several other 'Coasters' were present and exchanged fraternal greetings and ritual brotherhood. The DNS held its Annual Other Hobbies Night, at its April 20, 2000 meeting with these participants: JOHN RUSSELL, with BOB WESTLUND, Metal Detecting, MIKE FIORE, Golden Gate Bridge, GORDON DONNELL, Beer Steins, STAN TURRINI, Matchcovers, GEORGE KISER, Stamps, and TOFER PENTACOFF, License Plates and Model Rockets. The May 18th meeting was 'Coin Grading Made Easy I', which was coordinated by JOHN RUSSELL, and this involved all those attending grading twenty preselected coins and discussing their respective results. This program and its informal process was so well received that the September 21st meeting will be 'Coin Grading Made Easy II'. Great Program! The June 15, 2000 meeting was the Society's Annual Donation Drawing which claimed \$210.00 for the DNS treasury. The DNS' next big event will be its *'Fourth (4th) Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Sunday, November 26, 2000---Thanksgiving weekend---hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, corner of Colfax and Willow Pass Road, in downtown Concord'*. Bourse is 'Sold-Out'. Exhibits are welcome, too. Information on the Society and its Show, write to: *'PO Box 177, Concord, California, 94522-0177'*.

PENNISULA COIN CLUB

Has heard two fine speakers in recent months: June 12, 2000, MIKE STANLEY and STAN TURRINI travelled from the North Bay and spoke on 'How To Become A Hobby Mentor', to rave and respective reviews and recollections from those attending the meeting. Their duologue sparked remembrances and regards from many, including FRED G. van den HAAK, PCC's longtime Treasurer and Editor, who remarked "You might just take a moment to reflect on how you became interested in coin collecting. In doing just so, your bulletin editor [FRED] fondly remembers both his brother and long time PCC member PETE PECAR, both not deceased....Such early encouragement and help with collecting coins has left me [FRED] with a lifetime of enthusiasm for numismatics and appreciation for related history and economics". At the August 14, 2000 meeting, a solo presentation by STAN TURRINI titled 'Enchancing Your Hobby Enjoyment' provided the audience several simple, but sure, suggestions to enlarge and to enthrall one's collecting and hobby participating, advancing beyond just filling album holes and pages. This talk is available for other local coin clubs. The Coin Quiz Question for August---*Quiz Question #1*---was 'When was 'Gothic Lettering' first used on United States coinage?'. Now, the real question is what type-style and font is meant by 'Gothic Lettering'? 'Gothic' in drafting and print implies simple block-style lettering and print; however, the intention was to mean 'text lettering', as in Old English, medieval script, et cetera. Regardless, Your Editor Answered Right! It was the 1878 Morgan Dollar, on the reverse!

RENO COIN CLUB Your Editor enjoys reading the monthly RENO CARTWHEEL from our neighboring local coin club in the Silver State, and RUSTY KING, who is a RCC Past President, always has something provocative to present: "A new opportunity exists for the members of the Reno Coin Club! An astronomical amount of new coin collectors are beginning to crop-up in our community because of the release of the new State Quarters. These new collectors are overwhelmed with questions about their Quarters and about coin collecting in general. But, this opportunity is not unique to the Reno-Sparks-Silver City area alone. It seems to be a nationwide occurrence. We in the Reno Coin Club need to bring these new collectors into our Club and show them the benefits of Reno Coin Club membership and how we can help them become more knowledgeable about our hobby and show them really how much fun our hobby can be. This opportunity is the greatest format to be able to bring new collectors into our very enjoyable hobby and into our very valuable Club. This opportunity transcends age and is a chance for our hobby to really grow! Let make sure our Reno Coin Club is up to this challenge by bringing these new collectors into our Club!". *Hope Other Local Coin Clubs Are Reading--Your Editor. Thanks, Mr. KING!*

NATIONAL SILVER DOLLAR ROUNDTABLE Although the NSDR is not an Association Club Member, as a courtesy toward a fellow national coin group, FLORENCE SHOOK writes that the NSDR is holding its new Silver Dollar Essay Contest for young coin hobbyists, age 11 through 17. The NSDR began in 1982, and will offer three cash prizes for the best judged essays about any subject relating to United States silver dollars from the 1794 through the current Sacagawea Dollar. Inquiries and entries, due by November 1, 2000, may be made to: '4150 Tuller Road, Suite 210, Dublin, Ohio, 43017-5014'.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Writes that the exhibitor winners at its May 7, 2000 Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show were: DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, The Gold Miner Trophy, 'The OPA Ration Tokens of World War II', PHIL NORDIN, The Vallejo Award, 'Philippine Patterns of Bataan Day', and STAN TURRINI, The President's Award, 'Currency Goes To War'. The June 7th VNS meeting was the Society's Annual Renn Auction which with only sixteen (16) donated lots earned the VNS \$90.50. STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY served as the joint auctioneers. Later in June, on Sunday, June 25th, the VNS joined the neighboring Fairfield Coin Club for their Joint Club Picnic at JOE SIROIS's Hanger #75 on the Napa County Airport. It was not too hot nor crowded, and the food was fresh and the drinks all iced. The VNS at its July 5th meeting played Bingo for two (2) full rolls of 2000 dated Silver Eagles. Yes, Two Rolls! Making Everyone A Winner! The August 2nd meeting heard JOHN RUSSELL and BOB WESTLUND speak on 'Treasure Hunting', and their talk will be the highlight of the next big event for the VNS: the VNS with the Redwood Empire (Santa Rosa, California) Coin Club will hold their 'Sesquicentennial Night' on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at Palby's in American Canyon, California. This joint event, with H. ROBERT CAMPBELL, current American Numismatic Association (ANA) President as the Master of Ceremonies (m/c), will have a Drawing (raffle) with \$1500.00 in prizes! *See Enclosed Reservation Form.*

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Reports to NCNAers that 'Sunday, September 24, 2000, hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in the Fairfield Community Center, main Assembly Room, 1000 Kentucky, off Pennsylvania, in Fairfield's downtown civic center, will be the Club's Eleventh (11th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show'. This Show will be a full-day event: Drawings, collector meetings, special guests, Youth Table, and more. Three groups will gather at this year's Fairfield Show: Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC) at 10:30 PM, Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) at 1:30 PM, and California Exonumist Society (CES) at 2:30 PM. All three meetings will be held on the Stage in the main Assembly Room and are open to all Show visitors. *Note:* our Association----NCNA---will also have and hold a short open Board Meeting sometime during this Show. H. ROBERT CAMPBELL, current American Numismatic Association (ANA) President, will be present also. The first fifty youngsters with an adult, aged 3 through 17, will receive a free 1999-2000 State Quarter Board. For information on this Show, write to: 'PO Box 944, Fairfield, California, 94533-0094'. Later this year, on December 9, 2000, the FCC will join with its neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, for their Fourteenth (14th) Joint Christmas Party at Fairfield's Anhusser-Busch Brewery. Recent FCC meetings have been: June 28th, with Secretary and Editor STAN TURRINI, 'Collecting GGIE: Golden Gate International Exposition', July 26th 'Hot-Dog Night' with President BILL BARTZ doing the honors in the kitchen and August 23rd, 'A Whale of A Good Tale', with President BILL BARTZ, again, recollecting his youthful experiences crossing the Atlantic as a 17-yearold on a wooden steam century-old sidewheeler tugboat, across the two oceans and through the Panama Canal up under the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco Bay. The September 27th meeting will be this Club's special 'California Night' honoring the Golden State's Sesquicentennial.

DELTA COIN CLUB SYD KASS, DCC NEWSLETTER Editor, reports that 'the Club Picnic of July 30th at Micke Grove (Lodi, California): as usual, lots of food, fun, and games. Yes, nearly seventy (70) members and guests braved the 100 degree weather to enjoy the Club's Annual Picnic. Thanks To: BILL HORNING, SYD KASS, and LORIS ENZMINGER for handling the barbecue chores. KEVIN MALOY had an 'Egg-Toss Contest' for the Juniors only which was won by JASON and JACI LEUENBERGER. The other 'Egg-Toss Contest' was won by DON KENDRICK and SCOTT NIES, since the CARMEN Team went down early due to a bad toss. And, once again, the KENDRICKS furnished the pinata for the enjoyment of the Juniors. But, to top all things-off, KATHY HIRNING and FAMILY brought-out the snow-cone machine for everyone to partake a nice, free snow-cone. What a great treat following all the great food dishes and games: a HIRNING snow-cone! Yes, it was hot, at the Picnic too; but all enjoyed the day". Earlier at the July 14th meeting, the doubleheader presentation had STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY doing their first-ever 'Enhancing Your Hobby Enjoyment': "Our Club was the first to have this program form their many years of collecting experiences which included albums, newspapers, and stories from throughout their collecting years. Thanks To Both MIKES!"

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY First and foremost, the LNS reports that its Annual, and famous, Book Auction will be held at its monthly *'First Tuesday, October 3, 2000 meeting 7:30 PM, at Millbrae Public Library, Community Room, Library Drive at Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, California'*. The doors will open by 7:00 PM, and the Auction will be called starting at 7:30 PM. This is a preeminent fund-raising auction, and all NCNAers are encouraged--urged---to attend and to bid! Regretfully, Your Editor due to his duties as the President, and Editor, for the Vallejo Stamp Club, these past seven years, is precluded from attending; but, his restriction should not stop others! GO! MIKE STANLEY and STAN TURRINI graced the LNS' June 6th meeting with their duologue 'How To Become A Hobby Mentor', and the GORDON DONNELL spoke on 'What's New A The Mint' at its August 1st meeting.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB Note: Your Editor just noticed that his last COINNECTIONS, the monthly newsletter of the GCC, was last June 2000; am missing July and August from the NCNA HEADS AND TALES records. Would enjoy receiving the COINNECTIONS. The GCC awarded its Val Robison Memorial College Scholarships to JOSH MORE and RENEE BUCKINGHAM. JOSH will be attending California State University, Monterey with plans to study Oceangraphy, and RENE will attend Merced College in her first step toward a medical career. The Scholarship awards are \$250.00 and were named for longtime GCC member VAL ROBINSON, who served as a Librarian in the Merced City Schools for many years. The GCC May 4th meeting had twenty (20) guests attending. Why? "Twenty visitors arrived at various times! Many were picking-up prizes by the GCC in conjunction with the Club's April display for National Coin Week at Merced's Main Library. As part of a joint promotion, the Library users during April who took out one or more books had their names entered in a drawing that featured over thirty (30) numismatically-related prizes donated by the GCC, including coin books, proof sets, medals, and coin sets. Our own CRAIG BLAKE came-up with this idea...it was a nifty-way to promote the Club and our hobby". *Great Idea!*

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Cut-The-Ribbon for its new meeting site: *'Veterans Memorial Auditorium* [Note: *Your Editor was informed that the proper name for this Santa Rosa, California landmark is 'Auditorium although 'Building' is acceptable.*], *Dinning Room, 1351 Maple, off Highway 12, Santa Rosa, California'*. This new meeting site was effective July 12, 2000, and President MERLE AVILA and Vice-President LEE GONG did the ribbon ceremony before a massed crowd of one hundred (100+) plus members and guests, including Your Editor's Mother. This Auditorium is convenient to many fellow coin hobbyists as the old site of the Club's coin shows years ago, across Highway 12 from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. To commence this new meeting site, STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY gave their 'How To Become A Hobby Mentor': "they traded-off telling anecdotes on why we should each be a hobby mentor....As STAN so succinctly put it: get them in the door, their butts into the chairs, and their dues paid!". The RECC will commemorate its Six Hundredth (600th) Meeting on November 8, 2000, and a special first-ever encased cent has been issued. Congratulations To The RECC On Its Historic Six Hundredth (600th) Meeting! Much of the success for the RECC is traced to only two individuals, the aforementioned MERLE AVILA and LEE GONG. With attendance at its monthly Second Wednesday meetings approaching one hundred (100), and a active Junior Meeting most every meeting with over thirty (30) youngsters present, the RECC has 'hit-it-right'. Fellow local coin clubs should correspond and even visit the RECC and learn its successes, secrets, and members satisfaction. Your Editor esteems it an honor and privilege to be paid Life Member #1 of the RECC; only his obligation to the Vallejo Model Railroad Club preclude his regular attendance.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

Held its Annual Junior Night at its July 12th meeting with Junior Vice-President JOHN EGAN presiding: "The evening continued with a new spin on 'Youth Nigh': a Club version of 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' coin questions for the Junior Members. The few Junior Members present had a lot of fun answering coin related questions and after the Juniors, a few older members gave it a try. It was a rather lighthearted and fun event". Previous SJCC meetings have heard: June 14th, ED SINS, 'Large Cents', and July 12th, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Traveling Portugal': "Gary searched it out and found lots of casino chips to bring back as well. It is always fun to hear how the local players are surprised at anyone wanting to buy chips as souvenirs....Once his travel bags were full of chips and his wallet was empty of cash, it was time to come home and tell us all-about-it".

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Reports its Forty-Third (43rd) Coin-A-Rama on 'Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5, 2000, hours 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sunday, at the Sacramento Convention Center, Exhibit Hall 'E', 1400 J Street, at the corner of 14th and J Streets, in downtown Sacramento, California'. Two fellow collector groups are scheduled: the International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC) at 10:00 AM and the Early American Coppers (EAC) at 12:00 PM (Noon); both meetings will be in Convention Center Room 103. DR. WATLER A. OSTROMECKI, JR. again will staff a Youth-Only Table and events. DAVID HERR, current SVCC President was asked why does the SVCC have a coin show? Since this question is universal and applicable to most all local coin clubs here in northern California or anywhere, Your Editor will publish his three reasons: "First, to set forth a venue where people from allover come to learn more about coins and currency and why we collect. Second, to introduce and promote the Sacramento Valley Coin Club to the public and to attract new members. [Note: NCNAers could substitute any coin club in this reason]. Third, the final reason, the Coin Show is the Club's only fundraiser of the year. If we do not have a Show, our Club would not exist. Therefore, we have a show to educate the public while exposing more people to our wonderful hobby and allowing us to hold our regular meetings in a clean and safe environment". Continuing, he noted that "since we---the members---reap the rewards from our Show, I world like to ask for every member's involvement in this year's Coin-A-Rama. If you cannot physically involve in the setup or tear-down, there are many, many other things where we could use your help. There is the pres-show promotion, registration for both dealers and the public, hospitality at our Club Table, selling drawing tickets, and many more behind-the-scenes jobs, all looking to be filled". *Excellent Reasons. Thanks, Mr. HERR!*

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Your Editor, with MIKE STANLEY, drove-down to Fresno, California, following Highway 99 last July 6th, to address the FNS. RUTH PHILLIPS, and BILL FEBUARY, were most gracious hosts, and the meeting, at which we presented 'How To Become A Hobby Mentor', was a success: described in the FRESNO NUMISMATIST as "very uplifting and spirited, to say the least!". In passing commentary, Editor RANDY CLIFTON explained that August is the hottest month of the year in the August FRESNO NUMISMATIST, concluding, that "I know, you all are saying, 'But, RAN, what has that to do with numismatics?'. Well, nothing except with August being the hottest time of the year, and this one of the hottest times for numismatics, what a better way to join the two together then the August installment of the monthly meetings of the Fresno Numismatic Society!". *Nice Logic!*

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB

Held its Other Hobbies Night at its June 9th meeting with these participants: STACEY OOMS, Model Horses, ALAN QUINN, Die-Cast Metal Cars, ANDREW BOOTH, Model Rockets, ANTHONY LUIZ, Casino Memorabilia, GEORGE TYSON, Shakespeare Books, NATALIE TYSON, Smiley-Face Things, ROSE TYSON, Wooden Toys From Germany, GREG TYSON, Gardening, DAN SHATTUC, Travels With Charlie, SPENCER MORGAN, Magic, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Insulators, and AL LO, Hawaiian Menus. It was also reported that "The member who claimed to have invented an 'invisibility potion' did not showup to demonstrate it...or did he?". The CCC held its Show last July 16th at San Jose Napredak Hall, with many CCC members assisting Show Coordinator AL LO: KEN BARR, BRUCE BRAGE, DON BARS, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, BILL PEAVEY, HOWARD WHEELER, KATHERINE RAY, JANICE PHEBUS, GEORGE TYSON, ROSE TYSON, GREG TYSON, NATALIE TYSON, STACY OOMS, and ALAN GUINN. Sadly, only one exhibitor showed: he was GARY ACQUISTAPACE with his 'Gaming Counters of Casino Vilamoura'. The CCC hopes to holds its 2001 Coin Show again at the Napredak Hall on February 11, 2001. Sadly Too, KEN BARR, Editor of the CCC's monthly COIN PRESS will end his service with the December 2000 issue: "Volunteers to take over this position starting January 2001 should cozy-up to El Presidente at their earliest convenience in order to enhance their chances of winning this prize appointment and the unbelievable salary which accompanies it".

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Held its Annual Banquet last June 17th at Daly City's Kim Wah Restaurant, with a nice attendance present, but no Bingo! The July 26th meeting heard SARAH NORDIN address the body on 'Prison Tokens': "In addition to being a brand new topic for most members, this was the first entirely computer-generated program PCNS has had (the computer presentation was projected directly from their portable computer onto our screen)." PCNS will conduct the first-ever northern California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Educational Symposium on Saturday, November 4, 2000 in the Alumni House, on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley. Times have yet to be published; however, the speakers are: STEPHEN M. HUSTON, 'Ancient Egyptian Numismatics: Political Scoundrels and Civil War', WENDELL WOLKA, 'Dysfunctional Commerce: 1850's Style', DR. DONALD KAGIN, 'The Treasury Notes of the War of 1812', and BOB CAMPBELL, 'Mormon Gold'. Information and reservation for this Educational Symposium may be contacted at 'PO Box 194271, San Francisco, California, 94119-4271' or e-mailed to 'pcns@mypad.com'.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Has been busy: May 23rd SFCC meeting had Historian MIKE STANLEY displaying and talking about the Club's extensive archives and history, which are seldom seen by most members. The June 28th meeting heard and viewed the collections of FRANK STRAZZARINO and STAN TURRINI with their extensive Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE) 1939 and 1940 World's Fair collectibles: "It was 'GGIE Night', and we saw parts of MICHAEL TURRINI and FRANK STRAZZARINO's collections. There were some really neat and interesting items. Lots that we properly have not seen before. It was a great presentation and plenty of member participation".

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB GIL JACKSON, current SCCC President, was upset and stated same in the August 2000 GOLD STRIKE, the monthly newsletter of the SCCC: "I sadly must report that the line has been crossed; they have now started to colorize my MORGANS! I tell you, is there no shame, is there no depths that these folks will not stoop to, I must raise my small voice in stating: Colorizing Has Gone To Far!"

VISALIA COIN CLUB Has begun to include NCNA HEADS AND TALES with its monthly untitled newsletter. The VCC meets on the 'Fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 PM at the Visalia Senior Center, 310 North Locust, Visalia'. The 2000 Officers for this Club are: DAVE SHANKEL, President, CAMERON KEIFER, Vice-President, DIXIE TURK, Treasurer, with CHUCK ELLIOTT, Secretary. The Club's newsletter Editor is RUTH PHILLIPS, of Fresno, California, who lamented in the July issue: "Please try to attend, the last meeting was not well-attended, only sixteen members showed-up and half of those were from the Fresno area! We can do better than this. Plan to attend and bring a friend, too".

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Has a United States Post Office complaint: Its Editor apologized "that most of you did not receive last month's [July] newsletter on time. I mailed them from the World Stamp Expo 2000 in Los Angeles about ten days prior to the meeting and heard that some members received their issue about July 25th or so, days after the July meeting! Sorry." The intended July then August meeting program was 'Coin World Trivia', with the "wonder if that Stanislaus team is coming to play????".

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB Nothing Received

FREMONT COIN CLUB Nothing Received

Attention These Two Fine Local Coin Clubs and All Others: To be included in the BRANCH MINT REPORTS and the NORTH OF THE TECHACHAPIES column of the quarterly CALCOIN NEWS, your Editor here---plus Assistant Editor to the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) CALCOIN NEWS---must receive your bulletin, newsletter, or whatever at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Although Your Editor is member of most all northern California local coin clubs, including the two aforementioned, what he receives as a member at his home mailing address is personal and filed accordingly. What is mailed and received at the aforementioned post office box is treated and considered business and filed accordingly. All the local coin clubs that have reported here in this issue mail a complimentary issue to NCNA HEADS AND TALES and CALCOIN NEWS. With the amount of mail at five post office boxes and several organizations served, it is convenient for Your Editor, while remaining a very minor expense and service to the local coin club. Thank You.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484.

- August 20, 2000 FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.
- Sept. 17, 2000 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.
- Sept. 24, 2000 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 11th Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky at Pennsylvania, Fairfield. Bourse/ Info: Jan Henke @ 707-427-0482 or Bill Bartz @ 707-435-8751.
- Oct. 21-2, 2000 STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95205 Phone: (209) 982-5961, e mail: rubenIII@go.com
- Oct. 28-9, 2000 FRESNO. Fresno Numismatic Society 33rd Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Hall, 2992 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno. Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno, Ca. 93727. (Admission \$1)
- Nov. 4-5, 2000 SACRAMENTO. Sacramento Coin Club 43rd Annual Coin Show, Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 "J" St., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, Box 160122, Sacramento, Ca. 95816. (530) 885-9050
- Nov. 12, 2000 PALO ALTO. Peninsula Coin Club Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Elk's Lodge #1471, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.
- Nov. 26, 2000 CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Bourse: Mike Stanley Phone: (925) 825-0649

- Dec. 10, 2000 CHICO. North Valley Coin Club, 19th Annual Coin Show, The New Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Ave. Chico. Bourse: Kevin Zeitler, P.O. Box 528, Oroville, Ca. 95965. Phone: (530) 533-0438
- Jan. 19-21, 2001 SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club Annual Show, Parkside Hall, between Park Ave. and San Carlos St. near Market Street, San Jose. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P.O. Box 10416, San Jose, Ca. 95157. Admission \$1.
- Mar. 17-8, 2001 SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club Annual Show, E.L. Finley Bldg., Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Road., Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711. Admission \$1, under 12 free.
- Mar. 31-1 April 2001 SACRAMENTO. 17th Annual Spring Coin Show, Convention Center, 1400 "J" St., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, Ca. 95816 (530) 885-9050
- May 6, 2001 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 29th Annual Show, Solano County Building, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive (at Highway 37 and Interstate 80), Vallejo. Bourse: V.N.S., P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590. (Phone: 510-526-0538 or 925-825-0649)
- July 27-29, 2001 NorCal Invitational Coin Show *("N.C.N.A.")
*[Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Show].
- Sept. 16, 2001 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.

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How about a Medal? Special invited Guests, Give me some ideas to work with.

**I also got a brain storm while driving in the numismobile to a local meeting. Lets establish an NCNA Hall of Fame. Think it over and give me your inputs.
Letters entertained by writing me at 2107 Gill Drive Concord Ca 94520-2232.**

Once again thanks to all who helped make Norcal III a huge success, it just did'nt happen a lot of hard work and many hours went into planning this show and I appreciate your support. JOB WELL DONE... CARRY ON!!!!